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In a quiet but consequential message to the High Courts, the Supreme Court has urged a shift in how criminal appeals are prioritized — especially when the accused are not behind bars but behind the veil of old age. While the standard practice leans toward hearing appeals of those currently imprisoned, the top court has emphasized the need for balance. It pointed out a glaring gap: elderly convicts on bail,...

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